

Spill response

Quick and efficient response to spills is the most effective way to avoid contaminated runoff to the storm drain system.

- Use mops and absorbents, such as cat litter or sawdust to clean up small spills.
- Keep spill response kits readily available.
- Write and keep a current spill response plan. Be sure that all appropriate contacts are updated.
- Ensure employees are trained on appropriate spill response.



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Employee training

- Train employees on storm water pollution prevention.
- Post information in employee areas
- Keep records of employee training events.

Other BMPs may be required to prevent pollutants from entering the storm drain system.

To report illegal discharges, call
760-602-2799.

For more information visit

www.carlsbadca.gov,

call the Storm Water Hotline at
760-602-2799,

or email

stormwater@carlsbadca.gov.

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Industrial/Commercial Business Guide to Pollution Prevention



Industrial and commercial businesses are required to comply with municipal storm water rules and regulations to prevent storm water pollution. Potential pollutants from industrial and commercial facilities include trash, bacteria, hazardous materials, sediment, nutrients, pesticides, organics, oil and grease, and metals. The storm water conveyance system is not connected to sanitary sewer or treatment facilities. Rainwater and urban runoff transport pollutants directly into our creeks, lagoons and ocean.

All businesses are subject to storm water regulations. Violations of these regulations can result in enforcement action and penalties. Best Management Practices (BMPs) are methods and behaviors to prevent pollution. Proper implementation of the following BMPs can prevent storm water pollution.



Good housekeeping

Simple housekeeping practices are very effective at preventing polluted runoff:

- Use mops, brooms or wire brushes to clean dumpsters, sidewalks, buildings and other surfaces. Wash water is never allowed to drain to the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Sweep up trash and debris, including organic matter such as leaves and dirt.



Preventative maintenance

Proper maintenance of equipment, vehicles, building structures and storm drains can prevent larger problems from occurring.

- Keep equipment and vehicles properly serviced. Inspect frequently and clean and repair as needed.
- Gutters, storm drains, catch basins and other drainage should be regularly inspected and cleaned. Filters, drain covers, sand bags and other materials should be regularly inspected and replaced as necessary.
- Regularly inspect and maintain BMPs as needed.



Materials storage and handling

Improperly stored materials can spill or run off during rain events.

- When possible, store materials, especially liquids, hazardous waste and other chemicals, indoors or under covered and contained areas.
- Cover materials stored outdoors to protect them from rain run-on and run-off.
- Dispose of unused materials properly.



Waste disposal and management

Disposal areas must be properly maintained to prevent trash, liquids and other pollutants from entering the storm drain system.

- Keep dumpsters closed when not in use.
- Sweep up trash and debris in outdoor areas.
- Ensure that trash is properly secured to prevent spills and leaks.
- Immediately clean up spills and leaks.
- If no recycling program is in place, consider contacting your waste hauler about recycling programs.

